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MDT Asks Campaign Supporters to be Mindful of Sign Placement

HELENA – Federal law requires that any sign intended to be read from the highway must be regulated by the state. In Montana, controlling signs is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation. ARM18.6.246 specifically addresses political signs.

The Montana Department of Transportation is urging political candidates and campaign supporters to be aware of restrictions on where signs can be located. Placement of signs on state right of way including highway fences and utility poles is not permitted. The signs will be removed by MDT maintenance crews and stored for the owner to claim.

With landowner's consent, political signs may be placed adjacent to highways on privately owned property. It is unsafe and illegal to drive or park in a ditch along a highway to install a sign on private property. These signs may not be in place more than 90 days prior to the applicable election and must be removed 30 days after the election.

For clarification or additional details on legal sign placement, contact Pat Hurely, MDT Outdoor Advertising Control at (406) 444-6068. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or (800) 35-7592, or call Montana Relay at 711.

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